

Creswick District News

Still Priceless

Issue 307 June 2025

The first edition of *Creswick District News* was published in January, 1999.

Does *Creswick District News* Have a Future?

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This month sees edition 307. *CDN* is the result of hard work from a group of volunteers who were initially charged with providing a forum for local groups. As with all groups, those original volunteers came and went. One stalwart does remain and still contributes, although in a less active capacity.

As the years have passed, committee members have aged and/or passed away and new volunteers, prepared to give their time, energy and skills, are harder to find.

Recently, the current committee discussed the long-term future of *CDN*. Does it have a future in its current or any form? Has it outlived its usefulness? These are serious questions, with some current members needing to step back.

One of the strengths of *CDN* has always been sharing tasks between dedicated groups, which are

those who fold the 2,400 copies of the finished product ready for delivery, cannot be underestimated. The editorial group strive to produce a professional newspaper. The compiler then spends many hours collating this 'jigsaw' for printing. None of this happens in a vacuum and this group is shrinking. Time and energy are required both by *CDN* and all its contributors and advertisers. Fortunately, due to the support of advertisers, the financial position is healthy.

These are the bare facts, which many community volunteer groups face. ***Is there a solution/suggestion somewhere out there in this wonderful community?***

Despite current difficulties, it is the committee's sincere belief that *Creswick District News* is *Still Priceless*.



Creswick Neighbourhood Centre



On Saturday, 10 May, one of Creswick Neighbourhood Centre's amazingly dedicated volunteers achieved an incredible milestone at *Calembeen Parkrun*. Avid volunteer, Colleen Baker, achieved not one but two milestones on the same day! She completed 100 weeks of volunteering as well as 50 of participating/walking the 5km course. Both milestones are momentous on their own but to meticulously plan for them to fall on the same day takes some skill and a lot of forward thinking. Big congratulations to Colleen and a massive thank you for all her hard work and weekly commitment helping out in whatever role is needed most Saturdays at *Calembeen Parkrun*.

If you want to be like Colleen, come down and join the crew of volunteers! All welcome from 7.45am every Saturday at *Calembeen Park*.

Chrissy Austin, Manager

Creswick District News

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The Seniors are holding a Christmas in July celebration at their rooms on Friday, 25 July.

New and existing members are all welcome, the cost will be \$10 for a two course meal.

Please register, for catering purposes, to

creswickseniorcitizenscentre@gmail.com, SMS 0407 622 463 or pop into the Centre on a Friday between 12.00pm – 3.00 pm to let us know. There will be entertainment, raffles and fun!

Judy, Secretary

Creswick Cemeteries News

Over the next few months, row markers will be erected around the cemetery. Thank you to Ray and Peter for getting this done.

Have you looked at the new mapping system on the Creswick Cemeteries website yet? It is a great way to find graves, old and new, in the cemetery.

- When you go to the website www.creswickcemetery.com.au, click on **Deceased Search**. Then click on **New Cemetery**.
- Click on the **maroon button** to search the New Cemetery.
- Then click on **Creswick Cemetery** for the cemetery site, put in the surname and scroll down to see the list.
- Find the name of the person and **scroll to the right until you find a blue eye**. When you click on this it will show you the exact spot of the burial.

Wendy Ohlsen, Secretary

Bouquet

I just want to say that the staff in the Creswick Library are absolutely wonderful. It's always a pleasure to find, in this day and age, such outstanding service every time I visit the library. Many thanks to them all.

Cheers, Julie

Editorial Apology

The Editorial Team of *Creswick District News* wishes to apologise to Peter McArthur for neglecting to acknowledge his photo of Barbara Spencer which appeared in the May edition.

creswick Rainfall

Monthly totals as sent to the Bureau of Meteorology by Frank Slade.

	2023	2024	2025
	mm	mm	
January	9.5	97.0	30.5
February	28.8	4.0	46.0
March	45.0	0.0	31.5
April	116.0	66.4	19.4
May	70.0	34.5	13.8
June	125.0	28.5	
July	45.0	97.5	
August	46.0	41.5	
September	25.5	52.5	
October	67.5	58.5	
November	29.0	35.0	
December	23.0	18.5	
TOTAL	630.3	533.9	141.2



Creswick Pavilion Arts Arts Trail/Open Studios Event

The Creswick Pavilion Arts Trail/Open Studios event will be held on **12 and 13 July**. This is an initiative where artists and makers in Creswick and district will open their studios, display their diverse artworks and run workshops in an Arts Cafe to be held at the Creswick Town Hall. This will allow visitors to explore and engage directly with the creative process.

The Trail will feature a mapped route to encourage participants to visit multiple sites including some commercial partners for the event. An Arts bus, of approximately 12 seats, will be provided to support visits to studios.

It is hoped that this weekend-long event will foster community engagement, promote local talent and include opportunities to purchase original pieces.

Pavilion Arts would like to express sincere thanks to the Hepburn Shire for the community grant which has assisted with the curating of this event. Thanks also go to the participating artists, volunteers and local businesses.

Keep your eye out for the Creswick Pavilion Arts Trail signage and brochures. Red flags will be located at open studios during this weekend. For more information contact via

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Smeaton Bowling Club News New Life Member Nomination

At the AGM members were pleased to endorse the nomination of Helen Mizzeni as the club's latest Life Member. A surprised Helen proudly accepted the nomination put forward by Robyn Shaw on behalf of the Board of Management. The following excerpt from her nomination lists some of her contributions.

'Helen has given many years of service since 1991-92 to Smeaton Bowling Club, Ballarat District Ladies Bowling Association and Ballarat Highlands Bowls region as a Board Member. Over those years she has been President of our Club (first Lady President), Ladies Committee President, Committee of Management Member, Ladies Champion and runner-up on a number of occasions, as well as a winner of many other Club events. She has served and been an office bearer on various committees within the Club as well.'

Helen will be officially presented with her Life Membership at a later date. Congratulations Helen!

Club members ventured north in May to Barham to participate in the Over 60s State Carnival where a great time was had by all. For those wintering in the south, there is the opportunity to keep playing on the synthetic green, when the sun is shining. New projects are being planned to improve the club's facilities and members are beginning to look forward to the new Pennant season in a few months.

If anyone is interested in learning how to play bowls or participate in the 2025/26 pennant season, please make contact and consider joining this friendly, country club.

Contact Secretary Russell on 0417 535 297, President Greg on 0447 734 004 or via email smeatonbowling@gmail.com.

Laraine Toose

Welcome to New Residents

Last call to register for the Welcome to New Residents information session to be held on Saturday, 28 June 3.00pm at the Seniors Centre, 2 Water St Creswick.

Contact by email at railwayworkshops@gmail.com, SMS 0407 622 463 or in person at the Creswick Hub before midday Friday, 27 June.

CRESWICK HONOUR ROLL INDUCTEE

Arthur Edward Holton

18/10/1920 - 22/7/1967

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Arthur came to Creswick after serving in WWII. He worked tirelessly for, and with others, to build and start many services to support the growing community.

Arthur Edward Holton was born in Brunswick, Melbourne, the only son of Arthur Stewart Holton and Isabella Stewart (nee Pridham). He lived in Bell Street, Brunswick with his parents and sister Alice.

Arthur visited Creswick as a teenager and met Gwendoline Britten, whose father was the Assistant Station Master when the family lived in the railway house at the Victoria Street gates. Gwen and her mother were responsible for opening and closing the level crossing gates at all hours of the day and night.

Arthur and Gwen married in the Creswick Methodist Church in 1944 while he was on leave from war duty in New Guinea. He had volunteered for the 2nd AIF in 1939 and served in the Middle East, including as a *Rat of Tobruk*,

and also in New Guinea and Borneo. His health was affected for the rest of his short life by recurring bouts of malaria, contracted while serving in New Guinea.

On discharge, he and Gwen built their home in Ballarat Road, Creswick and raised six children - Elaine, Marion, twins Elizabeth and Judith, Ian and Ross. Sadly, Marion died, aged eleven, after having one of the first *hole in the heart* surgeries in Melbourne in 1961.

A painter and decorator by trade, Arthur commenced his community service upon settling in Creswick. This was at a time after a long, difficult war. Times were tough, money was scarce, the Governments had little money and lots to do. As a result, people banded together to build their communities, many children were born and the population was boosted by refugees from Europe. There was much work to be done.

Arthur and family were active in the Creswick Methodist Church where he was a Trustee. One of

the projects the church was part of, was the building of Adekate Camp on the road to Dean. Many working-bees were held over years to create the hall and all the buildings.

Arthur joined the RSL and was President from 1953 to 1955. The present RSL Hall was mostly built by volunteers who made the concrete bricks and did all the work that could legally be done. Their children also assisted with the brick making. The RSL supported veterans, widows and their children.

He was President of many other organisations. In the year of his death, he was President of the Creswick Branch of the Australian Natives Association and the Creswick Scouts. The ANA was set up in Creswick in 1880 with the objectives to *'raise money by subscriptions, donations and fundraising, for the relief of sick members and defraying the costs of the funerals of members, their wives, relieving distressed widows and orphans and the necessary expenses of the*

general managements of society'. This was before the establishment of health funds and support services as we know them today. The ANA started a Spelling Bee competition for the local schools. After his untimely death, the winner's shield was named the *Arthur Holton Memorial Shield*. The competition ran from the 1950s until the 1990s.

Creswick District Pre-School Centre

Arthur was a fervent supporter, committee member and President of the committee to establish a Pre-School Centre. The community worked hard together to raise the money to set up the pre-school, purchase equipment and establish a playground. On 2, February, 1961 this started at St John's church hall. The committee and community then continued their tireless fundraising which saw the new centre open in February, 1967. It continues to serve Creswick today.

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Arthur Edward Holton

18/10/1920 - 22/7/1967

Creswick State School

Arthur was a committee member and President of the Creswick State School Council. In a school paper after his death in 1967, it was reported that *'the school was very proud to win the shield donated for the very first time by the late Arthur Holton, a member of our committee, who was an untiring worker for the school and who was respected greatly by our children and staff for his kindly interest'*.

Creswick Scouts

Arthur was a committee member and President the year he died. Again, the committee worked hard on fundraising to house the growing number of scouts. This occurred over many years and the hall was built, bricks made and all work done by volunteers, except that which legally needed qualified tradesmen. The building was started in 1954 and was operational in 1957. There was no money owing on its completion, quite an achievement.

Creswick Shire Council

Arthur was a Borough Councillor in the Creswick Shire from 1955 to 1961, when ill-health forced his retirement. Holton Road, North Creswick, is named in his honour. With other Councillors and town residents, he worked for many years attempting to bring a secondary school to Creswick.

Creswick Calembeen Park Committee

Arthur was a member of the Calembeen Park Committee. The Park was the centre of activity for Creswick for many years for swimming and diving competitions, concerts and Australia Day celebrations. The committee fund-raised and provided much of the maintenance.

Koala Park Committee Of Management

Arthur was appointed to this committee by the Minister of Forests only twelve days before his death. From when he came to Creswick at the end of the Second World War in 1945, until his death in 1967, he worked tirelessly for his family, his community and its people.

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Creswick Bowling Club News

Winter Activities

Generally at this time of the year bowls has slowed down, but there are still plenty of events and Indoor bowling being played through the winter months.

Barry Yates conducts Fortnightly Triples with the most recent being Tuesday, 17 June. The recent winners were Alan Annear, Rob Broughton and Ray Lethlean with the runners-up being Vic Lynas, Max Bruton and Norm Cooke from Trentham. Well done to everyone!

Recently, Gerry Flapper, Alan Annear, Travis Hedger and Nathaniel Campbell won the Ballarat Indoor Bias Bowls Association 4s Championships. A great effort from our Creswick bowlers.

Ladies from Creswick enjoyed a week's outdoor bowling at the Over 60s State Carnival at Swan Hill and Deniliquin. Chris Boyd, Liz Hocking and Beth Huntley each enjoyed their time but met with some wet weather and a mixed bag of results.

Both the ladies and the men have completed round 4 of their respective competitions and it is good to see all divisions in the four at this stage. Division 1 in the men's competition is beginning to show some consistent form and sit on top of the ladder, while Division 2, after a slow start, had a good win which saw them move into the four. While it is still early in the draw, there is a possibility that all sides could

maintain their form and be a threat to some sides in the competitions.

The club recently held its Annual General Meeting on a Sunday which made it easier for members to attend. There were six positions available on the Board and all vacancies were filled. Portfolios were distributed at the General Meeting held in late May. Chairperson, Gerry Flapper, thanked those who nominated and is looking forward to, once again, working with the members of the Board.

Gerry and Bernie attended the BHBR Annual General Meeting held at Diggers Rest Bowling Club, where the latest updates and proposals for the upcoming bowling season were presented.

Friday night dinners have resumed on the first Friday of each month during winter with the next one being 4 July starting at 6.00pm.

Do you have a small function coming up and you are looking for a suitable venue? The Bowls club can accommodate up to 120 people and can arrange some catering or provide provisions for you to self-cater. Bar facilities are also available. Contact Bernie on 0437 102 059 to discuss options.

Bernie O'Malley



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Thank you to all community members who provided feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025–2029, Annual Budget 2025/26, Financial Plan 2025–2035, Revenue and Rating Plan 2025–2029, and Asset Plan 2025–2035.

We also appreciate those who participated in one-on-one sessions with senior staff and Councillors to share their insights in person.

The consultation period has now closed. Councillors and staff are currently reviewing all submissions, and the final drafts will be presented for adoption at the Council Meeting on 24 June.

These strategic documents will play a vital role in shaping the future of our Shire. Thank you again for your valuable contributions.

Emergency services panel

Join representatives from emergency management agencies at two free events happening in the Shire.

Hear from agencies like the CFA, SES, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Forest Fire Management, Parks Victoria, the Red Cross, Telstra and more about the roles and responsibilities they have in responding to emergencies.

- Creswick Town Hall, Thursday 26 June 10 am – 12:30 pm
- The Mechanics Trentham, Thursday 26 June 2–4:30 pm

Each session will be followed by light refreshments. Book via Eventbrite, <https://ow.ly/9G7Q50VYWji>

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Future Hepburn implementation plan

At the May meeting, Council adopted the 'Future Hepburn Settlement Strategy and Implementation Plan', marking the next significant step in the long-term strategic land use program, Future Hepburn. Future Hepburn represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the Shire's approach to land use and development.

The adoption of the implementation plan is an essential step forward following the initial endorsement of Future Hepburn in September 2024, including the adoption of the Rural Strategy along with Town Structure Plans for Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford/Hepburn Springs, Glenlyon, and Trentham.

Please visit www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/future-hepburn

New bike racks for Creswick



With the increase in both local and visiting cyclists since the opening of Djuwang Baring (Creswick Trails) and Hammon Park Trailhead, there has been a need to provide additional bike racks. These racks ensure there is a dedicated space for bikes which supports cyclists while they are visiting local businesses.

Drought support for Hepburn Shire farmers

On Thursday 15 May, the Victorian Government announced an additional \$15.9 million support package for practical support to farmers across Victoria impacted by drought and challenging seasonal conditions.

Farmers can access financial support, mental health programs and one-on-one consultations with agriculture experts.

Eligible farmers can apply for on-farm improvements such as water infrastructure upgrades, stock containment areas, grain and fodder storage and drought management tools such as soil moisture monitors and weather stations.

Additionally, farmers impacted by drought and challenging dry conditions can register for a one-on-one farm advisory consultation as part of the Drought Support Package. Farmers can book in with a consultant to discuss the best way forward for their business in the current climate/season. Read more on the Agriculture Victoria website.

Read more on the Agriculture Victoria website, <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/dry-seasons-and-drought-support>

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Creswick Capers

Fun and Appreciation



Creswick PS Education Support Staff

Adekate Camp

The school is extremely lucky in Creswick to have access to two wonderful school camps at its fingertips. Recently, Year 3/4 children attended Adekate Camp. This was the first time the school had been there for a number of years. The students enjoyed the newly renovated buildings and the brand new activities that were on offer. The school would like to say thank you to all the staff at the camp who ensured everyone had a fabulous experience.

Here is some writing about the experience from students:

'My favourite thing about camp was the zipline. The zipline was quite scary at first, but when me and my partner went, we ended up going 5 times in total! One time I even went without holding the rope! I didn't find out how long the zipline was but it only took about 15 seconds to get through it. My favourite part of the zipline was the amazing swooping feeling and the funny instructors.' By Zara.

'I love camp because of the zipline. When I first saw the zipline I was a mixture of really excited and nervous. The hardest thing was properly overcoming your fears of the height. It was quite intimidating knowing just how high it really is. I was so scared but

eventually I just got pushed. For the first five seconds it was scary but after that it was the funnest thing ever!' By Summer P.

Education Support Staff Appreciation Day

The school celebrated Education Support staff (ES) Appreciation Day on Wednesday, 16 May. Creswick Primary School is fortunate to have a very dedicated team of ES who always go above and beyond to support the students and staff. Thank you to Wendy and Emma for keeping the school running in the office. They always help and support parents and students throughout the day and provide care in the First Aid room. Thank you to the ES in the classrooms: Lyn, Stacey, Linda, Julie and Marc. They do many things, including working one-to-one with students, running interventions, working with small groups, attending camp, helping with first aid and helping the teachers as needed. To Jack, Hands On Learning and maintenance person, thank you for making the school a nice place to be. Thank you to Vicki C in the library. Not many people see Vicki, but she does a lot of work behind the scenes, keeping the library up and running.

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Creswick Readiness Group

This month marks another important milestone for the Creswick Readiness Group (CRG) as it continues to build a safer, more connected community. Here's what's happening in June and beyond:

Mental Health First Aid Training: Second Cohort

The second group of community members completed their Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training in May. This training helps participants recognise the signs if someone may be facing a mental health crisis and how to best respond with care. Thank you to the amazing participants, whose commitment strengthens the community's wellbeing and resilience.

Emergency Services Panel Events:

In partnership with Hepburn Shire Council, those interested are invited to attend one of two free Emergency Services Panel events on **Thursday, 26 June**. Hear directly from the experts who lead emergency response and recovery across the region. Event details: Creswick Town Hall: 10.00am – 12.30pm (includes morning tea).

The Mechanics Institute, Trentham: 2.00pm – 4.30pm (includes afternoon tea).

The sessions will open with Khalid Wright, Manager of Community Safety at Hepburn Shire Council, who will provide an overview of Victoria's emergency management framework. Representatives from key emergency agencies will then discuss their roles and what the community can expect during and after emergencies including their priorities and any limitations.

Participating agencies include: Victoria Police, CFA, SES, Ambulance Victoria, Red Cross, DEECA, FFMVic, Parks Victoria, Emergency Recovery Victoria, DFFH, Agriculture Victoria, Powercor, NBN, and Telstra. There will be an opportunity to connect directly with agency representatives over tea to ask questions and build valuable relationships.

Register via Hepburn Eventbrite or contact Jai Edwards on 0456 267 727.

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A **Creswick Emergency Reference Map** is being developed by CRG, to identify key local resources, risks, and strengths. Input from the community is invited. Community sessions will be held at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre:

Wednesday, 23 July, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday, 24 July, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday, 25 July, 10.00am – 12.00 noon

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We look forward to seeing you at these events and working together to support a stronger Creswick.

Jacqui



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June 2, 1925 Smeaton- the half yearly meeting of the A.N.A. was held last Friday, the president (Mr. F. Tolstrup) in the chair. The receipts for the evening were £13/7/2. The election of officers ensuing half year resulted as follows – President, Mr. F. Tolstrup; vice president, Mr. F. W. Redman; treasurer, Mr. H. Toose; secretary, Mr. W. Taylor; assistant secretary, Mr. S. B. Horton; committee, Messers. J. Leishman, A. J. Mitchell, G. Toose, H. Taylor and A. Sewell.

June 5, 1925 All members of the Kooroocheang Golf Club are asked to attend a meeting, to be held in the Schoolroom This (Friday) evening, 5th inst., at 8 o'clock, to arrange for the coming season. A. Williams, Hon. Secretary.

June 9, 1925 Young People's Social Club

A dance will be held in the A.N.A. Hall on Thursday evening, 11th June. W. Fargher, Hon. Sec.

June 12, 1925 Borough of Creswick

Notice to Unemployed – Men requiring work are requested to register their names at the Town Hall without delay. Arthur B. Grose, Town Clerk.

June 16, 1925 Newlyn – a well attended meeting of returned soldiers was held in the Newlyn Mechanics' hall on Friday night inst. Captain T. Parkin occupied the chair, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. H. E. Elburn. It was decided to form a branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A., and an effort is to be made to bring in all returned soldiers in the surrounding districts.

June 19, 1925 Creswick District Hospital – Appeal

for Potatoes

Whilst thanking the district farmers for past donations of potatoes, which have benefitted the institution greatly, the Committee again appeals for their generous support in the same direction. All who feel disposed to assist are requested to kindly notify Mr. C. Hartup, Spring Hill; Mr. C. Thompson, Kingston; Mr. G. C. Cutbush, Dean; Mr. J. Myles, Newlyn. R Pasco, President. Robt. Wall, Secretary.

June 23, 1925 Designs and prices are required for two honor rolls, either in wood or marble, for erection in the Creswick Town Hall. Same are to be sent not later than 4th July to Mr. C. P. Howie, secretary of the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial committee, from whom particulars may be obtained.

June 26, 1925 Dr. J. C. P. Strachan notifies that for the 6th prox., he will visit Mr. J. Williams' store, Newlyn, to see patients on Monday afternoons, at 2 o'clock, in lieu of Thursdays. He will return to Kingston, and orders left at Mr. H. M. Trezise's store will be attended to.

June 30, 1925 Australian Women's National League – Creswick Branch.

A meeting of present and intending members will be held in the A.N.A. hall, Next Thursday afternoon, 2nd July, at 3.15 o'clock. Business important. Large attendance desired.

M. G. Peacock, President. F. A. Roycraft, Secretary.

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New Aged Care Act

John Curtin Aged Care (JCAC) has been busy preparing for changes in aged care starting on 1 November with the new Aged Care Act and Strengthened Quality Standards. External and internal audits have been undertaken in preparation and the new way presents as a journey, requiring a cultural shift in aged care similar to that in disability services where residents and families are seen as customers of a service rather than patients in a nursing home; and this won't happen overnight.

Key Points of the New Aged Care Act:

- Easier access to aged care through a single-entry point.
- A fair, culturally respectful assessment process.
- Supported decision-making to give older people more choice and control.

Strengthened Quality Standards – What's New:

- Clearer, more detailed standards for high-quality care.
- Person-centred care that focuses on individual needs and preferences.
- Stronger protections for older people.
- Special support for people with dementia, diverse backgrounds, and special clinical or dietary needs.
- Uses clear language and avoids duplication. Reflects the new Statement of Rights, outlining what people in aged care can expect. The strengthened standards are aligned with the new Aged Care Act with the structure of each standard:

Intent - what the standard aims to do.

Expectation Statement - what older people should expect.

Outcomes - what providers will be judged on.

Actions - steps providers might take to meet expectations.

These changes are in line with the JCAC Way: *Real choice and real inclusion for All*. Providing the best quality, customised services for the people we support. The individual resident is at the centre of everything we do and JCAC is a vibrant community where our residents and their families are valued and have real choice over the life the person leads.

Susan Craven

Kingston Friends of the Avenue Fundraising and AGM

The Commercial @ Kingston has mounted a container, a large plastic tub, on the front of a trailer at the hotel for the collection of 10 cents bottles and cans eligible for Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme. If possible, please use this method as a convenient way to recycle bottles and cans. The proceeds will be equally shared between the following local volunteer groups:

- Kingston Fire Brigade
- Kingston Agricultural Society
- Kingston Friends of the Avenue

The container is accessible 24 hours a day and is a great way to assist all three groups with ongoing fundraising. Kingston CFA donations will go towards the new brigade-owned and community-based tanker.

Kingston, Friends of the Avenue, Inc. will be holding the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on 24 September, at the Commercial @ Kingston. The guest speaker will be Hepburn Shire Council's Senior Arborist, Matthew Daniel. He will discuss Council's Victorian Sustainability Grant for a scientific trial in using FOGO material to increase the soil's biological activity to aid tree establishment and mature tree longevity.

Save the Dates:

- AGM - 24 September
- Remembrance Day - 11 November


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St Augustine's News

Strong Partnerships

There's a growing sense of pride at St Augustine's – not just in the classrooms, but across the whole of the learning community. With strong partnerships between families, staff and locals, the school continues to be a shining example of what's possible when education and community spirit come together.

So far this year, the school has celebrated a number of exciting milestones. One of the highlights is the continuing relationship with Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, an amazing facility that's brought students, parents and volunteers together to create something special. More than just a garden, it's a place where children learn about sustainability, responsibility and teamwork - while getting their hands dirty and enjoying the fresh air.

The recent athletics carnival was another joyful event that brought the school and wider community together. Families on the sidelines, cheering on students of all ages as they ran, jumped, and gave their all in a fun-filled day of sports and celebration. It wasn't just about winning - it was about showing up, supporting one another and having a go.

Visitors to the school have also noticed the extensive building works. Construction is well underway. The modern, light-filled learning spaces have been designed to support the needs of today's learners while maintaining the warm, welcoming feel that St Augustine's is known for. The whole school keenly anticipates their completion!

As more families look to join a school where students are known by name and supported every step of the way, it's no surprise that enrolments for 2026 are already looking strong. The Prep class is close to full and places are filling quickly across other year levels too. There are only limited spaces available in selected year levels, so families considering St Augustine's are encouraged to get in touch soon to arrange a tour or find out more.

The school is proud of the learning environment that has been created, but more than that, it is proud of the strong relationships with families and the broader Creswick community. It's what makes St Augustine's feel like home. Whether it's through learning in the garden, sharing moments at school events, or growing together in new classrooms, St Augustine's Creswick is a place where every child - and every family - can belong.

Michael Heenan
Principal

Senior Cits News

The usual bingo Friday is on again at 1.30pm, good for a cuppa and a chat. The next Social Day will be held on 27 June with lunch and entertainment by the Celtic Band.

Morning Melodies at the Ballarat North Football Club will be on 8 July. Please book with Gary at the Seniors' Club rooms. Bus pick up available. Best wishes.

June Gray, 5334 6526



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CRESWICK AND DISTRICT

REGULAR AND ONGOING EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friends of Park Lake

Winter Solstice Festival, 21 June, 1.00pm to 11.00pm at Park Lake.

New Residents Welcome

28 June 3.00pm at Senior Citizens Rooms. RSVP at Creswick Hub or railwayworkshops@gmail.com

Creswick Readiness Group

See page 11 for details of various community meetings

Creswick Pavilion Arts

Arts Trail/Open Studios, 12 and 13 July

Anglicare Emergency Food Relief

– 2nd Tuesday of the month
1.00pm – 2.00pm.
All Concession cards welcome, ring ahead on 5333 0600 to receive your pre-packed Food Hamper. Collection is from Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, Victoria St.

Anglican Parish of Springmount

St John's Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick
Holy Eucharist: 10.00am 2nd and 4th Sundays
Service of the Word: 10.00 am 4th Sundays
Contact: 0413 689 003

Catholic Parish Creswick

St Augustine's Church
Mass Sunday 9.00am
except 1st Sunday of the month,
Assembly of the Word and Communion.
Contact 0488 220 685.

Creswick Cloggers (tap dance)

Tuesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Creswick Scout Hall, North Parade, Creswick
Contact 0418 306 321

Creswick-Clunes Uniting Church

Parish Every Sunday - 9.30am All Welcome. 130 Albert Street Creswick (The pretty pink church on the hill) Supply Minister: Rev Kate Tierney 0404 853 505 or email tierneycatherine53@gmail.com

Creswick Cemetery -

Gates Open 9.00am to 5.00pm. Daily

Creswick Connect Committee (previously Business & Tourism Creswick Inc)

Meet 5.30pm second Tuesday of the month at Leavers Hotel.
Contact Tim 0490 436 264.

Creswick & District Aquatic Centre Inc. - first Wednesday

Feb. Apr. Aug. Nov 7.00pm
Phone 0434 071 185

Creswick & District Historical Society

fourth Thursday every month (except December and January)
Seniors' Club rooms 2.00pm.
Phone 5345 2065

Creswick & District Hospital Auxiliary

meets at hospital last Monday monthly 7.30pm. No meeting in June. New members welcome.

Creswick & District U3A -

0490 444 519 email info@creswicku3a.com
website www.creswicku3a.com

Creswick Folk Club

Second and fourth Friday 7.30pm, Creswick Railway Station, Contact John Harris 0428 842 234

Creswick Garden Club

- first Tuesday every month (except January) Seniors' Club Rooms 1.15pm.

Creswick Havilah Lodge

- Meeting fourth Thursday every month 7.30pm.
Bob Orr 5345 2165

Creswick Lions Club

second Wednesday every month. 7.00pm R.S.L. Hall
Membership Chairperson Leigh Bell 0438 558 450
leighbell1234@gmail.com

Creswick Museum

open Saturday between 11.00am to 3.30pm.

Calembeen Parkrun

Every Saturday at 8am a 5km run, walk or come to volunteer! All welcome to join this fun, free weekly activity.
For more information email calembeen@parkrun.com.au or find us on Facebook

Creswick Repair & Share Cafe

9.00am to 12.00pm at Creswick Market
Third Saturday of the month. Bring your broken things to repair.
Contact Sam on 0490 719 296.

Creswick Market

- Third Saturday every month 9.00am-1.00pm. Creswick Neighbourhood Centre, A happy small town market, bookings 5345 2356 creswickcnc.org/creswick-market
Email market@cnc.org.au

Creswick Probus Club

- first Tuesday every month (except January) meetings St Andrew's Hall, 10.00am.
Inquiries email creswickprobus@gmail.com

Creswick Senior Citizens

- last Friday each month members enjoy social day and \$5 Lunch at Seniors' Clubrooms 12 noon

Creswick Senior Cyclists

- meet Sundays and Wednesdays, 10.15am Creswick Band Rotunda.
All casual cyclists welcome.

Creswick Walking Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30am. Meet Albert Studio, cnr Ballarat Rd and South St. All Welcome, Rain, Hail or Shine.

Cr Tim Drylie

by appointment
Creswick Community Hub
Ph. 0427 503 258 Email: tdrylie@hepburn.vic.gov.au

CRWA - Members Meeting

- First Sunday every month 1.00pm after Working Bee. Railway Workshops Precinct Judy 5345 1374

Freedom In Christ-Church

RSL Hall Albert St Creswick
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Friends of Park Lake

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- every Thursday during school term. Enquiries via Scouts Victoria website scoutsvictoria.com.au
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Museum Research Centre

- Open Saturdays, 11am to 3pm. Email requests to info@creswickmuseum.org.au
Music Jam for music lovers every Friday 7.00pm-9.00pm Neighbourhood Centre. Audience welcome
Parents Without Partners Weekly Dance 3rd Sunday of each month with live band. Invermay Hall, Muscatel Street, Invermay. \$12 & \$10 members. Supper to Share please.

Social Dance

Thursday nights at VRI Hall Ballarat 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Phone 0487 222 924.

Pavilion Arts & Sustainability Inc

7 April 2025 - Monday 6.00 pm
AGM 27 April 2025 - Sunday 2.00 pm
Creswick Neighbourhood House
Enquiries: secretary@creswickartspavilion.org.au

RSL meeting

- last Wednesday each month 1.00pm. RSL Hall Phil Greenbank 0490 374 006
Tiplers - third Wednesday every month. email: tonycartwright@gltau.com

Victoria Street Craft Group

every Monday 9.30am – 12.00pm/12:30 pm at the Creswick Bowling Club. BYO lunch.
Contact Rita on 5345 2239 or 0407 452 232
VOGA Cycle Club Regular group rides that may be road, CX or MTB. Details on VOGA Facebook page. Free club membership via www.vogacycleclub.com.au



Creswick Brass Band



At Ballarat Station for Heritage Weekend

May has been another exciting and busy month! Those who attended the Ballarat Heritage Festival might have caught the band performing at the Ballarat Station, entertaining travellers as they boarded the steam train. It was a wonderful opportunity to share music in a unique setting.

Creswick Brass Band (CBB) is currently preparing to travel to Bright to take part in the Alpine Brass Festival. This event isn't just about stage performances - it also features musicians popping up in unexpected places throughout the township, creating a fun and festive atmosphere. There will be more to report about the Alpine Brass Festival in the next edition of the newsletter.

The band has also been hard at work preparing for a very special upcoming concert featuring international euphonium virtuoso Steven Mead. Hailing from England, Steven is internationally renowned as both a soloist and educator. Steven Mead's solo career followed on from the successes he achieved as a member of several of the UK's leading brass bands. Nowadays he travels and performs regularly with some of the finest brass, wind and symphonic ensembles in the world. The band is incredibly thrilled he will be performing with CBB, with support from Beaufort Municipal Band and Daylesford Community Brass Band.

The concert will take place at 6.30pm on 21 June at the Ballarat Community Performing Arts Centre, 501 - 503 Neill Street Soldiers Hill. The evening will also include performances from the Beaufort Municipal

Band and Daylesford Community Brass Band. For ticket information, please visit CBB social media pages or make contact directly.

To stay up to date with all performances and events, follow CBB on Facebook or Instagram. Donations of any size are welcome and as a charitable organisation, all donations are tax-deductible. This support helps us continue to promote live music in the community. Donating is easily done using the QR code or by emailing

creswickbrassband@hotmail.com for other options.

Lastly, if anyone is interested in joining the band, there is a learners' group at 6.00pm on Thursday evenings, followed by band rehearsal at 7.00pm at the Creswick Senior Citizens Rooms. New players are always welcome, regardless of age or experience - so don't hesitate to reach out!

Creswick Band

